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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	)	
PHILIP S. GREEN	)	Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 08/709,930	)	Art Unit: 2713
Filed: September 9, 1996	)	<u>RESPONSE TO JUNE 1, 1998</u>
For: SURGICAL SYSTEM	)	<u>OFFICE ACTION</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding June 1, 1998 Office Action, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 46 as follows:

46. (Once amended) A method for performing surgery on an anatomy of a person comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a control assembly coupled to a surgical assembly [including] comprising a surgical instrument [having] including a forearm member having a distal forearm end, a wrist member pivotally connected to the distal forearm end of the forearm member [such] in a manner as to be capable of being pivoted about a first axis, and an end effector member movably coupled to the wrist member [such] in a manner as to be capable of being moved about a second axis that is generally perpendicular to the first axis;

(b) inserting the surgical instrument of the surgical assembly of step (a) into an anatomy of a person until the end effector member reaches an internal surgical site within the anatomy of the person;



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